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'Between 2003 and 2021, Bengaluru lost about 59% of green cover to an increase of nearly 98% built-up area, becoming 3°C warmer'

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389.17 sq km vegetation down to 158.77 sq km

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Over the last two decades, Bengaluru lost more than half of its green cover. To add to that, the city has also been under a 'concrete' onslaught and has added nearly 250 sq km of built-up area due to rapid urbanisation.

According to a Land Use Land Cover (LULC) study conducted by Hyderabad-based researchers with the help of satellite imagery, between 2003 and 2021, the city sacrificed over 59% of its green cover and increased its built-up area by nearly 98%.

Country sizzles
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While in 2003, 389.17 sq km of the area was under vegetation, this has gone down to 158.77 sq km in 2021. The total built-up area in 2003 was recorded to be 244.17 sq km, and this has surged to 485.2 sq km in 2021.

The outcome: the city has become warmer by 3°C.

"We did this study to ascertain the influence of rapid urbanisation with changing LULC on the city's temperature. Owing to such rapid urbanisation, Bengaluru experienced an increase in the minimum temperature from 16 °C in 2003 to 21 °C in 2021. The average land surface temperature has also gone up from 26 °C in 2003 to 29 °C in 2021," said BN Keerthi Naidu, the co-author of the study.

> **"Bengaluru so far has been safe from heat waves and pollution emergencies mostly due to its green cover. Depleting it at a such fast rate is suicidal**
>
> — Dr Gurfan Baig, professor, NIAS

In addition, the study noted the expansion of built-up areas towards the eastern and northern parts of the city, increasing land surface temperature in these areas.

"Apart from the loss of vegetation cover and increase in the built-up area across the city, we observed that while the proportion of concrete surface was majorly present in the western and southern directions of the city during 2003, the eastern

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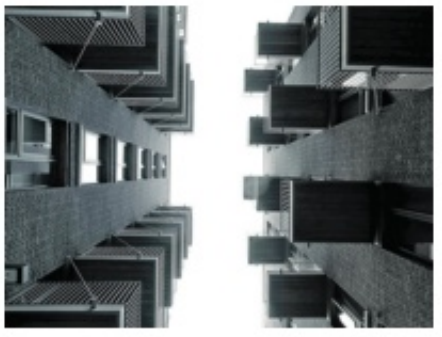
What home buyers & flat owners want

Karnataka Home Buyers Forum submits list of 14 demands to political parties ahead of assembly election



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The Karnataka Home Buyers Forum (KHBF) submitted a list of demands to all political parties contesting in the forthcoming assembly elections. The major demand of the KHBF is the setting up of a competent authority for the apartment owners' associations in Karnataka. KHBF wants the political parties to include its 14 demands in their respective election manifestos.

"We prepared the list of demands and shared it with all the political parties through social media and during the public meetings called by them. The main demand of the home buyers and flat owners is to have a competent authority for their protection. Even though the Karnataka state government legal department clarified that apartment owners' associations need to be registered by following KOFA 1972, Section 10, irregularities still exist in society where the sub-registrars continue to allow by-laws insertion as annexure to declaration of document registrations," he said.

Stating that this can be stopped only through proper government orders which the government has failed to come up with in the last 50 years, he said that the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Tall tales

The Listeners Collective announces 'Warmly, Us', an offline, monthly space open to anyone to unwind, peppering the weekend with the possibility of connecting in groups and finding your people. This month discuss Stories & Storytelling - whether it is the stories heard in our grandparents' homes; curled up in their laps, tall tales spun as children or finding ourselves gripped in the exciting plot of a book or a film; undeniably, stories & storytelling have been historically powerful tools of meaning-making, expression and communication.
Where: Atta Galatta; When: April 18, 6:30 pm
Contact: 8197473655

02 Aakhar Dakshin

Prabha Khaitan Foundation has announced a one-of-its-kind boutique festival - 'Aakhar Dakshin' at Bangalore International Centre.
Inspired by the multilingual diversities of India, this festival is a celebration of regional literature. The festival aims to cherish the treasured assets of South Indian languages. Thinkers, writers, poets, artists, and cultural enthusiasts of India will grace the one-day festival. **Where: Bangalore International Centre**
When: April 22, 10 am to 7.30 pm

03 Everyday problems

Ranga Shankara presents Apne Ghar Jaisa a play starring Padmavati Rao and Abhitej Gupta. The play is directed by Anmol Vellani. 'Apne Ghar Jaisa' creates an image of everyday bigotry and its potential to impoverish the self and tear apart the social fabric. The protagonist in the play finds all kinds of reasons to turn away an unwelcome guest — not only to protect her identity but also to cope with grief and loss. In the process, she enters a dark place within herself as she constructs caricatures of people 'not like us', and destroys the very thing she most cherishes and wants to preserve.
Where: Ranga Shankara; When: April 21 and 22, multiple slots; Info: bookmyshow.com

Our heritage custodians

Heritage Beku to honour those working tirelessly to preserve city's history

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Awards will be granted to A Gyanendra, priest who performs the age-old Karaga traditions; children working towards making Cubbon Park greener and better will also be felicitated

To mark Heritage Day on 18 April 2023, Heritage Beku, a group of citizens working towards preserving Bengaluru's history, will be hosting their first-ever Heritage Beku Hall of Fame Awards, recognising individuals and institutions prioritising heritage preservation and promotion.

The Heritage Beku Hall of Fame awards will celebrate the contributions of heritage heroes across six categories: educational institutions, public institutions, adaptive reuse, literature and cultural tradition and heritage hotels.

Under the heritage school of the year category, Heritage Beku will award Parikrma Humanity Foundation. "The Parikrma Humanity Foundation is a game-changing educational initiative. The award is given for its students' inspiring commitment to preserving the city's heritage. These diverse children are united by a desire to learn, contribute, and preserve the city. The children have demonstrated passion and dedication -- from Cubbon Park initiatives to Hoova Hubba flowering festivals and documentaries on Kadkekai Parishe. Their commitment is evident in their fun yet serious approach, such as a rap song about fading greenery in Cubbon Park, and impromptu theatre. The award includes a plaque and the opportunity for a Heritage Student of the Year selection next year," said Priya Chetty Rajagopal, Co-Founder, Heritage Beku.

Next under the category of Heritage Public Institute of the Year, the famous India Post will be awarded the Parampara Smriti Deep Prashasti - Heritage Beacon - for their exceptional commitment, responsiveness, and proactive approach to preserving, promoting, and showcasing their in-house heritage.

Under Adaptive Reuse, Tarun Tahiliani is awarded the Parampara Palaka - Custodian of Heritage, for the exceptional restoration and reuse of the former Bohemian House at the entrance of Woodlands Hotel, Rajaram Mohan Roy Road, showcasing the value of living heritage spaces.

As several books on Bangalore Heritage theme was launched between 2022-2023, special category of Heritage literature was given. 'Lalbagh: Sultans' Garden to Public Park' by Vijay Thiruvady, Lalbagh by Suresh Jayaram, Cubbon Park by Roopa Pai, 'The Ladies Detective Club', by Harini Nagendra, and Bangalore Blues by Kirtana Kumar are some of the nominees.

Another category was for Karya Karta of the Year awarded to Karaga Poojari (priest) A Gnanendra.

Few people have dedicated their lives to preserving the cultural heritage of Bengaluru as rigorously as those behind the Karaga Jatre. This tradition, spanning over 800 years, unites the city to observe and participate in a ritual that venerates the goddess of life force, water, and harmony. The elders of the Thigala community, deserve recognition for their unwavering dedication and focus on preserving the essence, value, and divinity of the Karaga Festival. As the present priest, trained over generations, A Gnanendra and other elders of the Thilaga community, ensure the continuation of this unique Bangalore cultural heritage, he will receive the Heritage Karta of the Year award on their behalf, added Priya.

Under the Heritage Hotel, Taj West End was selected as the winner as it is India's oldest running heritage hotel.

Priya said, "The Awards recognises the unwavering dedication of these individuals and institutions in preserving Bengaluru's unique history and culture."

Exam's here but admissions incomplete

With only two days remaining until the first semester examination in 208 engineering colleges under Visvesvaraya Technical University, 75,000 students who have not received their admit cards or registration numbers are in anxiety.

These students were admitted through the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) in September and have prepared for the April 20 exam, but are unable to obtain the necessary documents from their colleges due to VTU's delay in approving their admissions.

The Department of Technical Education is responsible for admitting students in all engineering colleges in the state and approves access manually. However, this year the higher education department has decided to conduct admission approval online using software developed by VTU. The college administration was informed about the process in advance and instructed to upload the information in February. However, due to technical glitches, the process has been delayed.

Students and parents have demanded that the examination be postponed until the necessary documents are provided at the time of admission approval. If students do not receive approval in time, their admission will be cancelled, disqualifying them from taking the exam. This has caused anxiety among many students. VTU Vice-chancellor S Vidyashankar said that there is a slight delay in getting admission approval through the new software. However, he assured students that the problem will be resolved. **— BMB**

UGC clears misconceptions

There has been some misinformation circulating in the media regarding the appointment of contractual faculty for autonomous colleges. Professor Manish R Joshi, the UGC Secretary, clarified that the 2023 regulations do not remove the cap on the number of contractual faculty appointments. In fact, the UGC's 2018 regulations lay down comprehensive provisions on the appointment of teachers on a contract basis, which are applicable to all universities and colleges, including autonomous colleges. These provisions restrict contractual appointments to no more than 10 per cent of the total number of faculty positions in a college or university. The qualifications and selection procedure for appointing contractual teachers should be the same as those applicable to a regularly appointed teacher. The fixed emoluments paid to contractual teachers should not be less than the monthly gross salary of a regularly appointed assistant professor.

The young and the restless

Activist approaches Child Rights panel urging education on POCSO Act, age of consent

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Teachers and parents are stressing on the need for sex education and information about POCSO Act on campuses. A few teachers told BM that in recent years, they are seeing children of Class 8 to Class 10 being sexually active with each other. School children engaging in sexual activity violates the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act as the age of consent in India under the Act is 18 years.

Nagasimha G Rao, child rights activist and director of Child Rights Trust, has approached the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights urging they ensure that schools teach about the POCSO Act from the beginning of the academic year from June itself.

"Teachers have reached out to us stating that minors are having sex and there is also an increase in incidents of eve-teasing on campus. Girls are complaining to their parents that they are being teased by their male classmates. Children are also using vulgar language and writing inappropriate things on the school walls. The concern is that proper sex education and information about the POCSO Act is not provided in educational institutes. Even teachers are not aware of it. We can't expect children to know what is right and wrong, because love affairs at this age are normal. But they should be educated about sexual behaviour and what is considered as sexual harassment and exploitation," said Rao.

He added that last year, the education department had sent a circular to educate children about the POCSO Act but nothing happened.

Sijo Sebastian, a parent and the joint secretary of the Voice of Parents Organisation, Karnataka, says that providing sex education to children has as much importance as formal education. "There are many families in which both the parents are working, so they don't have the time to talk about POCSO or sex education to their children. Parents tend to rely on schools to teach children but then it's also everyone's responsibility to teach young ones about these issues," he said.

D Shashi Kumar, general secretary, Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS), says that most parents are not ready to listen to anything against their ward. "When we catch young students engaged in sexual activity and substance abuse, and take the matter to their parents, the parents tend to side with the children. Some parents who defend their children get into fights with school authorities even if the children are caught doing something illegal. We have teachers to teach about the POCSO Act and for sex education, but if parents are giving liberty to their ward to do whatever they want, the onus cannot be placed entirely on schools," he said.

8-day-old whisked away from Vani Vilas Hospital

An eight-day-old child was abducted from Vani Vilas Hospital early morning on Saturday. This isn't the first case of child kidnapping from Vani Vilas hospital. A senior police officer of VV Puram police station informed BM that before covid outbreak, two-three children were stolen from the hospital and this recent case is the first post-covid case of child abduction in Vani Vilas.

The VV Puram police have received a complaint from Prasanna MP, a resident of Tumakuru district, who claims that he admitted his wife Suma HK to the hospital on April 6 and she gave birth to a child the next day. Because the wife's white blood cell count was low, the doctor asked her to stay at the hospital for a few more days.

On Saturday, the mother fed the infant and dozed off. About 30 minutes after falling asleep, she woke up to find the baby missing. The hospital staff was questioned, but they couldn't find the child. Later the parents of the child approached the police.

Because this is not the first case of child theft in the hospital, police are on high alert and are trying to investigate if the hospital staff or a gang is involved in the case.

"As of now, the police have not found any racket being involved in these thefts but we are continuing the investigation. These child theft cases in Vani Vilas Hospital were happening before the pandemic but it stopped in between. But now, we are seeing the very first case post covid," said the police

He added that the police department has formed a special team under an inspector of VV Puram police station to find the culprits.

– Ahna Prakash

2020 Bengaluru riots accused prima facie committed terrorist act, says High Court

Rejecting the petition of an accused in the DJ Halli-KJ Halli 2020 riots, a single-judge bench of the Karnataka High Court has said that prima facie there was evidence to show that the acts committed by the accused were terrorist acts under Section 15 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Justice M Nagaprasanna, while rejecting the petition of Mohammed Shariff, accused number 25, said there was a prima facie case against him. The high court said the accused committing a "terrorist act" was prima facie evident.

"The allegation against the petitioner or others in common is usage of inflammable devices as there is allegation of burning of vehicles either with explosive substance or inflammable substance, loss or damage or destruction of public property, all with an intent to disturb the security of the region of the nation. Therefore, the ingredients of Section 15 of the Act, in the considered view of this Court, are prima facie met," the HC said.

Shariff had approached the court against the Special Judge for NIA Cases, Bengaluru taking cognisance of the offences against him. He claimed there were no offences under the UAPA he can be accused of. His counsel argued, "The order of the Special Court bears no application of mind as there are no allegations against the petitioner that would touch upon offences punishable under the UAPA Act... Therefore, the petitioner has to be tried by the jurisdictional court... Conducting trial by the NIA Court is contrary to law."

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Chipping away, night & day

Construction work on private school premises at night keeps Kasavanahalli residents awake

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Residents of an apartment complex in Kasavanahalli in south Bengaluru have alleged that a private school in the area has been conducting construction activities during the night hours. Residents say they have been unable to sleep due to unbearable noise from machines and light beams penetrating their windows.

Ashutosh, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror that while the construction had been ongoing for nearly two months, night-time construction started on Friday and continued throughout the weekend without interruption.

"It seems that there is no ban on such activities between 10 pm and 6 am. Many families living in houses facing the backyard of this school have been having sleepless nights for the past few days," he said.

Furthermore, residents said since the school has been conducting offline classes, any work that can be noisy is done only after 3 pm, causing much inconvenience to the residents. The loud sound of earthmovers and trucks moving can be heard till late hours.

"They have been using heavy machinery, and it is difficult to tolerate such high decibels during night hours. The work continues throughout the night and goes on until 5 am. The work is happening in the backyard of the school property, and they have put up tall barricades. It is difficult to ascertain the nature of the ongoing work," said another resident.

Nearly 20 families living in the apartment complex in Kasavanahalli, with doors and windows facing construction site, are being impacted because of high decibels at night

To put a curb on construction activities during the night, Karnataka High Court has directed that construction activities should not be done between 10 pm and 6 am. However, this rule appears to be blatantly violated in this case.

"If not more, nearly 20 families living in our apartment complex, with doors and windows facing the construction site, are being impacted. They have also been using strong light beams to facilitate the work, causing a lot of inconveniences," a resident informed anonymously.

> **"Many families living in houses facing the backyard of this school have been having sleepless nights for the past few days** – Ashutosh, a resident

Locals also allege that the construction debris that is being generated is being dumped in the nearby abandoned quarry, which is now filled with water.

Reportedly, truckloads of debris have been dumped into the water body for over two months. Despite several efforts of the locals to reach out to the school authorities regarding the issue, they have not received any response and have been stonewalled so far.

"We tried to speak to the school authorities, but they refused to talk to us. We also tried to call them over the number mentioned on their website but our calls never got transferred to the higher level," added Ashutosh.

When Bangalore Mirror tried to contact the school to get their version of the issue, calls were left unanswered.

Chalavadi Palya: Not down the drain

BBMP takes up cleaning of storm water drain; remodelling of SWD to be taken up soon

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Storm Water Drain Department took up cleaning of the storm water drain (SWD) at Chalavadi Palya that was full of silt, plastic and garbage. The BBMP's SWD assistant executive engineer on Monday engaged workers to clear plastic and garbage from the secondary storm water drain, which is known to overflow whenever it rains and causes inconvenience and loss to the residents of Bakshi Garden.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – Drain on your parade – on Monday, April 17, narrating how the residents were suffering due to flooding and water logging whenever it rains heavily. A group of students pursuing their master's degrees in social work conducted a survey on the condition of the storm water drain recently. They found no waste management at that place.

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Why storm drains, not cleaned in years, accumulating silt, trash and sewage, need flushing before monsoon
DRAIN ON YOUR PARADE

BM's report on Monday, April 17 about how a drain in the area was completely clogged

When contacted, BBMP assistant executive engineer (SWD) Fazal Ahmed assured that he would send workers on Monday to clear garbage and plastic from the storm water drain. "The storm water drain does not fall in the jurisdiction of Chickpet. So, I informed the assistant executive engineer concerned to do the needful," said Fazal Ahmed on Monday morning.

Jayaprakash, assistant executive engineer (SWD), told Bangalore Mirror that he has deputed workers to clear garbage and plastic from the storm water drain.

"There is a proposal to remodel the storm water drain to avoid accumulation of silt and dumping of plastic and garbage. We will take up the remodelling of the storm water drain shortly. The problem here is dumping of all types of waste by the residents. We cleared garbage and plastic from the storm water drain last week but the drain was filled with garbage and plastic within a week," he informed.

This was the scene after workers cleared away most of the junk inside the drain in Chalavadi Palya on Monday

Meanwhile, Raghavendra B Pachhapur, senior lead of projects at ActionAid Association, appreciated the BBMP engineer (SWD) for clearing plastic and garbage from the storm water drain. "I want the BBMP authorities to remove silt from the storm water drain to avoid flooding of adjacent dwellings during the monsoon. Mere removal of plastic and garbage will not serve the purpose," he said.

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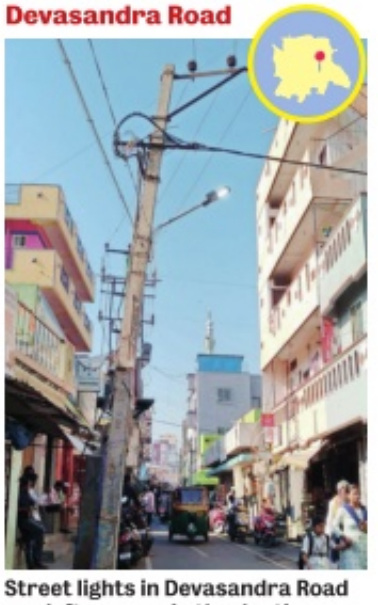
Dirty picture
Shivaji Nagar

There is drainage water and garbage lying around for a month, causing health issues near Lubbay Masjid Street in Shivaji Nagar.

Lake killed
KR Puram

The lake behind KR Puram bus depot on Diesel Loco Shed Road has been completely dead for three years due to construction work and dumping of building materials.

Lights off
Devasandra Road



Street lights in Devasandra Road are left on even in the daytime.

Fresh allegations against K-RERA

Complainant wants K'taka Lokayukta to investigate real estate authority

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A homebuyer has lodged a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta on Saturday against the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretary of Housing Department and Secretary of Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) for dereliction of duty.

The complaint was lodged by Shailesh Charati, a homebuyer and a member of Karnataka Home Buyers Forum and Bangalore City Flat Owners' Welfare Association.

Charati, was aggrieved by the decision of the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) in the complaint CMP/210402/0007857 against M/S Arya Gruha Pvt. Ltd and complained to the Housing Department regarding this. The complainant alleged that K-RERA had passed an order in violation of the RERA Act rules, without looking into the records available with it thus defeating the purpose of the RERA Act. He asked for an investigation of the allegation.

Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum, said that one of the main reasons why the RERA is not useful to homebuyers is because of the incompetent RERA Chairman who was passing orders with false information that took away the rights of homebuyers.

"The current chairman Kishore Chandra passed an incorrect order in my case saying the case has been settled between the parties whereas the case is still going on with the developer in a different court other than RERA. These

The complainant alleged that K-RERA had passed an order in violation of the RERA Act rules, without looking into the records available with it, thus defeating the purpose of the RERA Act

kinds of orders are fake and the chairman passing these orders needs to be punished under the law. I had complained to Karnataka Lokayukta a few months back, but the honourable Lokayukta closed the case, saying they don't have the jurisdiction to investigate RERA Chairman," said Padmanabhachar.

He said that as per Section 87 of RERA Act, members, chairman come under "Public Servants" category hence he had raised a complaint against RERA Chairman to Housing Secretary, and was awaiting what actions they are going to take against RERA Chairman for passing wrong orders.

"RERA Karnataka has been set up to help homebuyers, but it is not helping rather, passing wrong orders. And most importantly, even after complaining about wrong orders, they are not correcting the orders as per section 39 of RERA Act. The Housing Secretary should investigate seriously on RERA functioning and wrong orders to give justice to home buyers, else I am also planning to complain to Karnataka Lokayukta against Housing Secretary for dereliction of duty," he said.

It is said that Shailesh Charati has obtained a RTI response from the Housing Department on the complaints received against the Chairman and members of RERA. "The housing department has not prepared preliminary reports in any of the complaints barring one. Ameya Usagaonkar is one more complainant who has written to the Housing Department on October 13, 2022 and he has not received any preliminary report," said Shailesh Charati.

Ameya said that he has not seen K-RERA working for the welfare of homebuyers. "K-RERA is not working on par with RERAs in other states," he said.

However, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary and the Under Secretary of the Housing Department were not available for comment.

Winners take all in badminton

Andromeda Sales and Distribution organised a women's badminton tournament on April 8th, 2023, as part of the Andromeda Sports Meet 2023. Nikita Ganiga and Rakshitha won the first place in women's doubles, with Shruthi P Shetty and Soumya S as the runners-up.

In women's singles, Shruthi P Shetty was the winner, while Nikita Ganiga was the runner-up. The organisers of the event were Raghavendra Kunder, Vinay Pandavapura, Arun Daniel, Pramod Gangadhar, Puneeth Kunder, & Karthik Shetty.

Verdict on custodial statements

The Supreme Court said on Monday there is no "automatic presumption" that a custodial statement has been extracted under compulsion and the statement of an accused recorded in police custody can be split into components and separated from the admissible portions.

The apex court's observations came in its verdict confirming a March 2020 judgement delivered by the Karnataka High Court which had convicted and sentenced a man to life imprisonment in a murder case.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Aravind Kumar referred to Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act.

"A fact discovered is an information supplied by the accused in his disclosure statement is a relevant fact and that is only admissible in evidence if something new is discovered or recovered at the instance of the accused which was not within the knowledge of the police before recording the disclosure statement of the accused," the bench said in its 38-page verdict. –PTI

3 arrested in rice-pulling machine scam

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Three men were arrested by the Bengaluru police for running a rice pulling machine racket in Bengaluru and other parts of the state. They were cheating people of large sums of money.

These three individuals have been accused of cheating the public by pretending to own a very expensive rice-pulling machine in Bengaluru, and selling it to the public with the promise that the rice pulling mission would cost crores of rupees. The scheme involved convincing gullible people that a strange element caused rice to move towards it, and that this element fell to earth during lightning strikes (particularly if it strikes a vessel) and has the power to pull things towards it. Simple magic tricks were used to show that rice grains scattered around a vessel were drawn by the power of the material.

The accused have been identified as Natesh (44), Venkatesh (47), and Somasekhar (47). They were arrested along with the machine and cars used by the accused. Additionally, 332 gram of gold and Rs 28 lakh were recovered from the accused, which were taken from the public. A case has been registered against them in the Halasuru Gate Police Station.

Police said that the accused took crores of rupees from the public by claiming to have a very expensive rice-pulling machine worth crores of rupees, which they would sell to the public. Natesh is specifically accused of conning the public and cases have been registered against him at both Nanjangud Town Police Station and Halasuru Gate Police Station.

This is not the first time such fake tricks have been employed.

The gang claimed that the 'rice puller' was intended for use in satellites and nuclear weapons and that NASA and ISRO would buy it for thousands of crores of rupees. Many victims including a few politicians have fallen to these ridiculous claims and ended up paying crores.

Natesh, a retired constable, along with Venkatesh and Somashekhar had previously worked as a police officer in CAR back in 2007 when he was a constable. However, he left the police work after losing money in the rice pulling business and started a career in real estate. Later on, he got involved in the same fraudulent business of rice pulling along with the other two accused. The police have taken legal action against them for their fraudulent activities.

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Urban elitist view, recognising same-sex marriage means rewriting entire branch of law: Centre to SC

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The Centre has told the Supreme Court that demand for same-sex marriage is a "mere urban elitist views for the purpose of social acceptance", and recognising the right of same sex marriage would mean a virtual judicial rewriting of an entire branch of law.

Opposing before the Supreme Court a decision to examine the issue for granting legal sanction to same sex marriage, the Centre asked could a constitutional court legislate to create a separate socio-legal institution of marriage between persons not contemplated by the existing legislation.

In an application, two days before a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India is scheduled to hear the matter, the Centre said that petitioners seeking same-sex marriage rights "is a mere urban elitist view for the purpose of social acceptance". The top court is scheduled to take up the batch of petitions for recognising same-sex marriage on April 18.

It further added, "A decision by the court in recognising the right of same-sex marriage would mean a virtual judicial rewriting of an entire branch of law. The court must refrain from passing such omnibus orders. The proper authority for the same is the appropriate legislature."

The Centre stressed that petitions which merely reflect urban elitist views cannot be compared with the appropriate legislature which reflects the views and voices of a far wider spectrum and expands across the country. "The competent legislature will have to take into account broader views and voice of all rural, semi-rural and urban population, views of religious denominations keeping in mind personal laws as well as and customs governing the field of marriage together with its inevitable cascading effects on other statutes," it added.

The Centre queried, "While creating an institution like marriage, which is essentially a socio-legal concept, is it not constitutionally imperative to leave the question to the appropriate legislature which represent the democratic mandate, which would decide the issues based on societal ethos, societal values and larger societal acceptability in the Indian context of understanding of marriage as an institution?"

File photo of LGBTQIA+ Pride Parade in Bengaluru

Centre says right to personal autonomy does not include a right for recognition of same-sex marriage and that too by way of judicial adjudication

The Centre further added that recognition of human relations like that of a "marriage" is a legislative function and the courts cannot either create or recognize any institution called "marriage" either by way of a judicial interpretation or striking down / reading down the existing legislative framework for the marriages, which undoubtedly occupies the field.

"The institution of marriage is necessarily a social concept and a sanctity to the said institution is attached under the respective governing laws and customs as it is given sanctity by law on the basis of social acceptance. It is submitted that social acceptance and adherence to societal ethos, common values, shared beliefs across religions, in case of recognition of 'socio-legal institution of marriage' is not to be confused with majoritarianism," it added. The Centre contended that it necessarily follows that the right to personal autonomy does not include a right for the recognition of same-sex marriage and that too by way of judicial adjudication, and emphasized that marriage is considered to be an aspect of social policy of the nation across the world. **-IANS**

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Bengaluru in a hot spot

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and northern parts of the city recorded a significant increase in the built-up area by 2021," added Naidu.

The study showed that open land nearly remained the same at 51.24% in 2003 (673.40 sq. km), 52.35% (687.99 sq. km.) in 2013, and 50.40% (662.38 sq. km.) in 2021. The area under water bodies also experienced minimal changes and covered an average area of only about 0.57%.

Experts said that this phenomenon of loss in green cover and gain in built-up areas (BUA) is not just limited to Bengaluru but to any other growing urban centre in the world. While the damages caused due to increased BUA can't be undermined, it is not possible to stop urbanisation. Achieving a balance between urban development and ecological development is the need of the hour.

According to Dr Gurfan Baig, professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc campus, the city getting stripped of such a large amount of green cover in a short span of 18 years is a matter of grave concern.

"Such changes in LULC show that there is a gap between the city's development plan and scientific action plan. While development has to take place as the city's population is increasing, it should happen optimally. With most of the city's air pollution monitoring stations located in relatively cleaner surroundings, the real picture of Bengaluru's air quality is not apparent. Moreover, Bengaluru so far has been safe from heat waves and pollution emergencies mostly due to its green cover. Removing it at a such fast rate is suicidal," said Dr Baig.

Set up competent authority: Home Buyers

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Karnataka Home Buyers Forum has submitted a solution to BBMP chief commissioner on how to protect the flat owners land rights after having discussion with them during March 2023; but no orders were issued by the BBMP on it thereafter.

"Home buyers/flat owners hence have come up with the laundry list of tasks for politicians who are aspiring to become people's representatives with a hope that a new government will work on these tasks to help home buyers and flat owners across Karnataka," he said.

Naval veteran Commander Surendra (retired) said that successive governments have neglected issues concerning apartments over decades resulting in irregularities and fraudulent activities. "It is the demand of the home buyers to address these issues and include them in election manifestos. And, on assuming power to fulfill the given assurances," said Surendra.

The demands of home buyers include: government order for declaring competent authority for Apartment Owners' Association in Karnataka alongside rules for establishing Karnataka Housing Cooperative Societies.

Other demands are: no registration of flats if Section 17 of RERA not compliant, effective implementation of Central Government Acts like RERA and Sakala, government has to come out with a policy and rules for apartment land title transfer to flat owners or associations and the reflection of the title transfer in land records of the revenue department, BBMP and BDA.

The other demand is to bring all cooperative societies under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Bill to safeguard depositors or come out with a new state insurance policy to protect the interests of all depositors and increase the DICGC insurance amount from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.

Spirit of the game

Chinnaswamy Stadium was alive on Monday as Chennai Super Kings posted a massive 226/6 in 20 overs against hosts Royal Challengers Bangalore during their IPL clash

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North or South, heat is well and truly on

Death toll due to sunstroke at Maha event rises to 13

Mercury hovered around 40 degrees Celsius in large parts of the country on Monday as the IMD predicted heat wave conditions in parts of east India over the next four days and the northwest region over the next two days. In the national capital, heatwave conditions persisted for the second consecutive day with some weather stations recording the maximum temperature at least five degrees Celsius above normal. "Cloudy weather and light rain may provide some relief from the heat in the city on Wednesday," the IMD said.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Gangetic West Bengal and Bihar may see heat wave conditions for four days on the trot. Sikkim, Odisha and Jharkhand may also experience such conditions over the next two to three days.

Similar conditions are expected in isolated pockets over Punjab and Haryana on Monday, and western Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. Eastern Uttar Pradesh may also be affected on April 18-19, it said.

Delhi's primary weather station, the Safdarjung Observatory, registered a maximum temperature of 40.6 degrees Celsius, four notches higher than normal. This is the third consecutive day that the maximum temperature settled above 40 degrees Celsius here. Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded in the "moderate" (198) category around 9 am, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed. The death toll due to sunstroke at the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' award event in Navi Mumbai rose to 13 after the death of a 55-year-old man while eight patients are undergoing treatment, a civic official said on Monday.

The event was held in the open ground in Kharghar area of Navi Mumbai Sunday morning, which was attended by several lakh people. Hot weather conditions also prevailed in Punjab and Haryana with the maximum temperature settling above the 40-degree mark in most parts of the states. In Haryana, sizzling heat swept across Hisar as the mercury settled at 41.5 degrees Celsius, according to a report of the meteorological department. In Punjab, Bathinda recorded a maximum temperature of 41.6 degrees Celsius. Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, recorded a high of 40 degrees Celsius.

The IMD said a western disturbance active in the western Himalayan region will provide some relief from the soaring temperatures in the plains of northwest India starting Tuesday. Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan are likely to experience isolated to scattered rainfall during April 18-20, it said. Heavy rainfall is anticipated in isolated areas of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh on April 18.

Down south, northern Andhra Pradesh and its southern coastal regions are expected to experience a heat wave for three days from Monday to Wednesday, the meteorological department said in a statement on Monday.

> **"Western disturbance active in the western Himalayan region will provide some relief from the soaring temperatures in the plains of northwest India from Tuesday** – IMD

Warnings are out especially for the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalle, Kakinada, Konaseema, Krishna, NTR, Bapatla, Gunturu and Palnadu.

The remaining districts and Rayalaseema region in the state are expected to experience temperatures in the range of 38 to 42 degrees Celsius during the time.

Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has asked people to take necessary precautions in view of the forecast of heat wave in 116 mandals across the state on Monday.

States like West Bengal and Tripura have ordered closure of schools, colleges and universities for a week due to the prevailing heatwave conditions. – PTI

People hold umbrellas to protect themselves from heat, as temperature hit the roof, in New Delhi on Monday

AI revamps pay structure

Air India has revamped the compensation structure for pilots and cabin crew, including increasing the per-hour flying rate for pilots, according to a source.

Under the new structure, part of the Tata Group-owned airline's five-year transformation plan, salaries will be hiked for more than 2,700 pilots across Air India and AIX Connect (including Air Asia India and Air India Express) as well as for more than 5,600 of Air India's cabin crew, as per the source. – PTI

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'RSS, BJP attacking Basavanna's philosophy'

Democracy, caste data, corruption: Rahul Gandhi raises the pitch in Bidar

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that the RSS and the BJP are attacking the philosophy of Basavanna. Bidar is the Karma Bhoomi of Basavanna, (a 12th century social reformer). For the first time in the county if anyone spoke about democracy and showed the path of democracy it was Basavanna, he said.

Addressing a public rally at Humnabad in Karnataka, Rahul Gandhi stated that the RSS and the BJP are attacking democracy in the whole country. Basavanna thought of equal participation, equal representation, and collective growth. These thoughts are being attacked by the BJP and the RSS.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at Humnabad in Bidar; CM Bommai held a road show in Nanjangud in Mysuru on Monday (inset)

They are spreading hatred and violence in the country. The BJP's ideology is different from Basavanna's. Whatever Basavanna said, the RSS and the BJP are against it, he alleged.

In a few days, elections are taking place in Karnataka. The Congress party is winning with 150 seats, the 40 per cent commission BJP government won't get more than 40 seats, he claimed.

Rahul Gandhi stated that in the first cabinet meeting the Congress would fulfill all the four guarantee schemes promised to the people in the state.

He maintained that the BJP government in the whole country is known for taking 40 per cent commission. Wherever PM Modi goes he talks about corruption. PM Modi has not opened his mouth on a BJP MLA's son getting caught with Rs 6 crore, job scam, PSI recruitment scam, assistant professor job scam.

The Congress will have to win more than 150 seats otherwise the BJP will try to purchase MLAs with the 40 per cent commission money.

-IANS

Call for caste-based census

Raising the pitch for a caste-based census, the Congress on Monday accused the government of resisting it while playing politics on the issue.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said that the underprivileged need economic and political power and not empty words as he again called for removing the 50 per cent ceiling on quota and demanded reservations for Dalits and tribals based on their population. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has also written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding an up-to-date caste census, saying meaningful social justice and empowerment programmes are incomplete without such data.

Supporting the Congress' demand for an up-to-date caste census in the country, Bihar Chief Minister and JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar said it would be beneficial for all sections of society. On the other hand, Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar targeted the Congress over the remarks of its leaders on the quota issue.

He accused the party and the JD(S) of joining hands by promising to reverse the Karnataka government order of scrapping the four per cent quota for Muslims to deny benefits given to Vokkaligas, Lingayats as well as SCs and STs. -PTI

Jagadish Shettar's exit spoils plans?

Days after former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar was denied a ticket by the BJP, the saffron party has now also denied tickets to two former ministers. Four-time MLA SA Ramadas, who had previously served as the Medical Education Minister and was representing Krishnaraja constituency in Mysuru, has not been named as a party candidate in the third list.

Meanwhile, Mahadevapura MLA and former minister Aravind Limbavali has also missed out on a ticket. However, the only saving grace for Limbavali is that his wife will be replacing him as a candidate.

According to sources, Ramadas was a senior leader within the BJP but had a public spat with the Mysuru MP Pratap Simha on a few occasions. Nevertheless, Ramadas was seen cosying up to Prime Minister Modi when he visited Mysuru, so his exclusion from the list was surprising. Earlier, Ramadas had expressed concern over the ticket issue, stating that he may not join another party but could contest as an independent candidate. Limbavali, on the other hand, has had his fair share of controversies in the recent past.

The BJP is now in damage control mode after Shettar's exit, and sources indicate that national President JP Nadda will be rushing to his hometown of Hubballi. With the Congress portraying the denial of Shettar's ticket as an insult to the Lingayat community, the BJP is trying to limit the damage caused by his departure.

Nadda will be visiting Hubballi on April 18 and participating in two important programmes, which will be held in the Hubballi-Dharwad Central constituency. -BMB

Pre-poll wrap: What is Karnataka up to?

Court orders criminal case against Janardhana Reddy

Mining baron-turned-politician Janardhana Reddy, who is all set to contest Karnataka Assembly elections by launching a new party, on Monday, suffered a setback as a special court has ordered filing of criminal case against him.

The Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru has given this order in connection with the illegal selling of iron ore. Investigation Officer Manjunath Annigeri had submitted a private complaint in this regard.

The court after looking into the complaint ordered filing of the criminal case against 16 persons, including Janardhana Reddy and Congress MLA B Nagendra.

The court has given direction to lodge a case under the Mines and

Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, citing Sections 21, 23, 4(1), 41(A) of the Act and adjourned the matter to June 24.

The complaint is regarding the sale of iron ore which caused loss of Rs 211 crore for the state exchequer between 2008 and 2011. The accused came together to avoid payment of royalty, and cess to the state government.

Presently, Janardhana Reddy has launched a new party in Karnataka to fight the May 10 Assembly elections, and claimed that without his support, the national parties cannot form the government. -IANS

Shuffle for smooth election

The Election Commission (EC) has ordered the transfer of 10 police personnel, including a deputy commissioner of police (DCP), for 'stricter enforcement of poll code and smooth conduct' of the May 10 assembly polls in Karnataka, sources in the poll panel said on Monday.

Those transferred included the DCP (North) Bengaluru, the ACP of Yeshwanthpur and Bengaluru, and four police inspectors -one each from Raja Rajeshwari Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Nandini Layout, and Rajagopal Nagar police stations.

Sources said the officers being transferred were posted at the behest of a state minister and it was felt that their removal will help in stricter enforcement and smooth conduct of the May 10 polls.

"Per se, there was no complaint. EC took the decision for better conduct of polls," a functionary said.

Following clashes between BJP and Congress workers in Surpur Yadgir earlier this month, the EC also ordered the transfer of local DSP and one circle inspector for their inept handling of the situation.

One DSP and a circle inspector of Devadurga in Raichur district are also being replaced amid reports of 'intimidation' to contesting candidates and 'hinderance' to electioneering in their jurisdiction, they said.

The election to the 224-member assembly will be held on May 10. -PTI

'Shettar's exit won't affect BJP'

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday the exit of Jagadish Shettar from the BJP would have no adverse impact on the party's prospects in the forthcoming Assembly elections, and he was surprised by his decision to join the Congress.

Shettar, a six time MLA and former Chief Minister, parted ways with the BJP after being denied ticket to contest from Hubli-Dharwad (Central), which he represented in the outgoing Assembly.

Bommai dismissed Shettar's charge that he was not given respect in the BJP and there was a conspiracy behind the move to drop him.

Shettar was treated with a lot of respect and the party had given him positions. "In his growth in the last 25 years, the BJP played a main role", the Chief Minister said. His departure has paved the way for emergence of new leadership in the region, he added. -PTI

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Do we have a choice?

Why everyday decisions feel so stressful – and what to do about it

Almost every morning I face the same dilemmas. Whether I should wake up my wife with a kiss or let her sleep longer. Should I get out of bed or just press the snooze button? And that is even before I have had my first cup of coffee.

Our daily life is rife with so-called trivial decisions. People often feel silly for overthinking low-stakes decisions but research has shown there are logical reasons for feeling this way. Understanding why you feel so stressed by smaller decisions can help you learn what to do about it.

First, sometimes the sheer number of options overwhelms us, as we find it difficult to compare and contrast the options. Economics scholars long championed the notion that it's better to have more choices. But in 2000, US psychologists Sheena Iyengar and Mark Leeper challenged this idea.

In one of their studies, they set up a jam testing table at a supermarket. Far more consumers bought a jam when they were given fewer options. Almost a third (30 per cent) of customers went on to buy a jam when the stall had six flavours yet only 3 per cent of customers bought jam when there were 24 flavours.

Drawing on these findings, US psychologist Barry Schwartz's book The Paradox of Choice: Why More is Less, argues an abundance of choices can cause people anxiety.

People often lack, or believe they lack the expertise to properly assess their options. For example, when dealing with a financial decision.

And if you have goals, a lack of certainty about how rigidly you want to stick to them is probably going to give you a headache. A vague goal to "start saving more" isn't going to give you clarity when a friend suggests going out for food and your belly is rumbling.

Also, some of the decisions we label trivial may actually have emotional high stakes. Deciding what to wear for a date, for instance, is probably not just about fashion.

While each factor is enough to create stress, when all factors are combined anxiety about the decision is only going to be amplified.

Another line of research has focused on the link between people's decision strategies and wellbeing. Researchers have identified two main decision-making strategies: Maximising and satisficing. Maximising is a tendency to try and find the best option.

Satisficing, a term introduced by Nobel prize winner Herbert Simon, is a strategy that terminates once an acceptable option is found.

Maximising and satisficing have been linked to personality traits. There are people who tend to maximise and others who are more satisficers.

Schwartz and his colleagues found a negative relationship between a tendency to maximise and feelings of life satisfaction.

Maximisers (compared with satisficers) were also more likely to experience post-decision regret. One explanation is that maximisers are always brooding about what they could have done and how they could have made a better decision.

To be clear, the study did not examine major life decisions about marriage or health but focused on everyday decisions (although similar findings have been reported about more serious medical decisions).

> **Our daily life is rife with 'trivial' decisions. People feel silly for overthinking low-stakes decisions but research shows there are logical reasons for feeling this way**

Decisions can be mentally exhausting. So sometimes everyday choices feel hard because you have decision fatigue.

William James, one of the greatest thinkers of the 19th and 20th centuries, suggested habits help us cope with these complexities. Habits take away the need to think. Investing your time in building habits can stop you from ruminating on everyday decisions.

William James' insights have inspired many contemporary researchers. One idea popularised by psychologist Daniel Kahneman's book, Thinking, Fast and Slow, is the notion that we use two different information processing mechanisms, system one and system two. System one is unconscious, fast, intuitive. It requires little effort. System two is purposeful thinking.

Waking up at the same time every morning, kissing my wife and then making coffee has become a habit that has helped me avoid thinking too much about these activities. I let my system one take charge as much as I can, at least until I have my first cup of coffee.

US writer Merlin Mann said "thinking can be the enemy of action". While I am not sure I would agree completely, his words do resonate with many findings from psychology.

Herbert Simon developed the idea of satisficing because he believed humans have limited cognitive and other capacities (such as memory and attention). Thinking too much — for example, whether to exercise today or not — can be stressful and frustrate the intention to do so.

You have to decide how to invest your resources (whether they are cognitive, emotional, or physical). Investing them in thinking about exercising can consume the energy you need to exercise.

When it comes to our daily decisions, reducing the number of options can also help ease the process. Apple co-founder Steve Jobs was well known for wearing similar outfits almost every day (jeans and a turtle neck or a T-shirt) partly to simplify the decision process.

It's about accepting you have limited "decision making juice" and being conscious about how you use it. Reducing choices, developing good habits, and letting our so-called system take charge can help us face our daily decisions.

(By Yaniv Hanoch, University of Southampton, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Peripheral artery disease

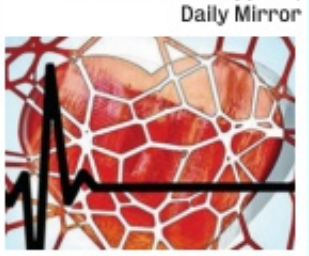
What is it?
Peripheral means the extremities of your body, so your arms and hands, feet and legs. Peripheral artery disease therefore means that the arteries, usually of your feet and legs, are becoming furred up with fat, lowering the blood flow.

What are the symptoms?
Quite a common one is leg pain when walking (claudication). Others include painful cramping in the hips, thighs or calf muscles after walking or climbing stairs, coldness in the lower leg or foot, leg numbness or weakness, no pulse or a weak pulse in the legs or feet, slower growth of the toenails, pain when using the arms, hair loss or slower hair growth on the legs, and erectile dysfunction.

What are the causes?
Reduced blood flow caused by a build-up of fatty, cholesterol containing deposits (plaques) on artery walls. Quite a common cause is arterial constriction as a result of smoking.
Less common causes include blood vessel inflammation, injury to the arms or legs, changes in the muscles or ligaments, radiation exposure.

What are the treatments?
Quitting smoking is the single most important thing you can do.
Walking or doing other daily exercise can improve symptoms dramatically.
Your GP may prescribe statins to lower cholesterol levels, blood pressure drugs, medications to control blood sugar, to prevent blood clots and leg pain.
Surgical angioplasty treats peripheral artery disease that's causing the pain of claudication.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror



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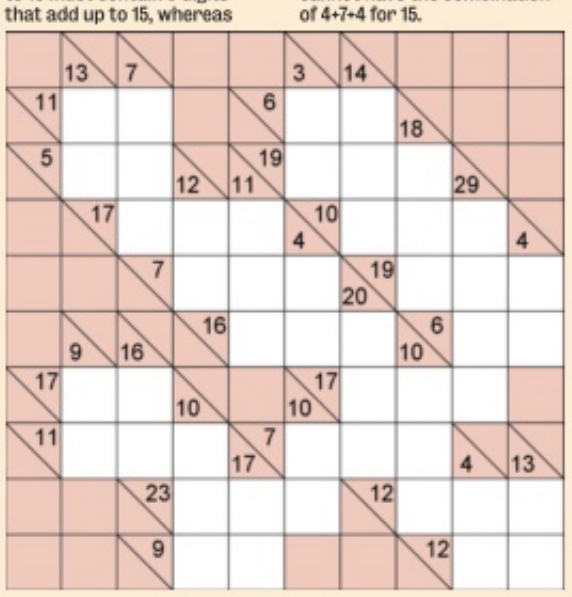
for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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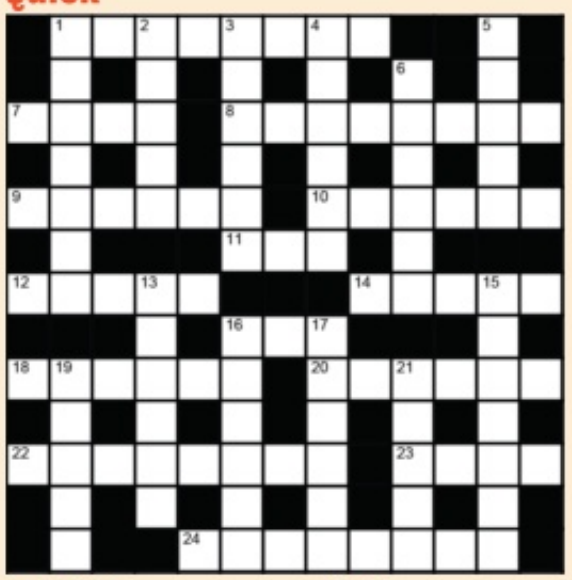


ACROSS

1 ____ the accounts : settling the accounts, in a way? (8)
7 Praise or extol (4)
8 Riding breeches (8)
9 Of lemons (6)
10 Inventor Thomas Alva ___ (6)
11 Wool weight (3)
12 Irritate or irk (5)
14 Coral island (5)
16 Spoil (3)
18 Tennis star Andre ___ (6)
20 Has a good time? (6)
22 Chappati made out of rice (4,4)
23 Legendary story (4)
24 Taken in toto, not partially (2,1,5)

DOWN

1 European language (7)
2 Below (5)
3 Turn down (6)
4 Prodded (6)
5 Venetian explorer __ Polo (5)
6 Speed away (6)
13 Petrified organism (6)
15 Baby's complete outfit (7)
16 Legally they are not yet mature (6)
17 Inspect, summary or synopsis (6)
19 Articles of commerce (5)
21 Big, vast or elephantine? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS O

JQW CVFD LCCT UP AV-COFWTLW GVT JQW CVFD WBUF UP ULVCEGVNW.

Linemaro

You are the reason my sun rises every morning

Mindchow

You can't keep blaming yourself. Just blame yourself once, and move on

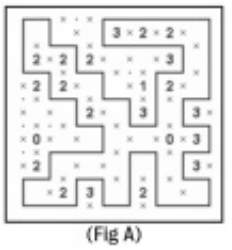
Joke of the day

A termite walks into a bar and asks, "where is the bar tender?"

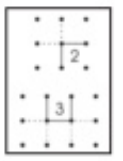
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

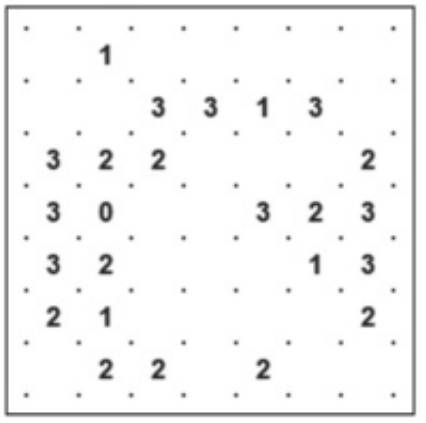


(Fig B) Not Allowed

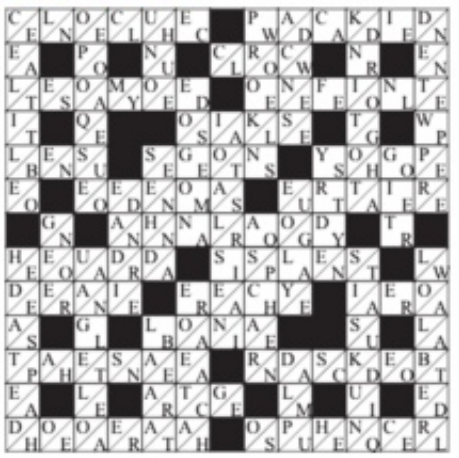
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6	X			
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

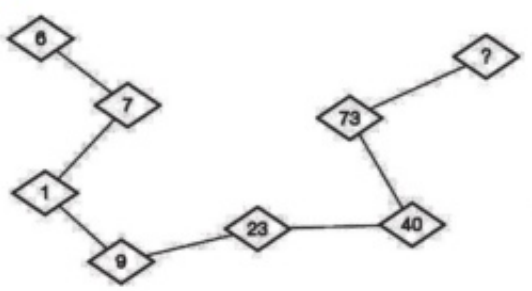
1 At arc; 6 Exons; 7 CID at; 8 Arete; 9 Scold

DOWN

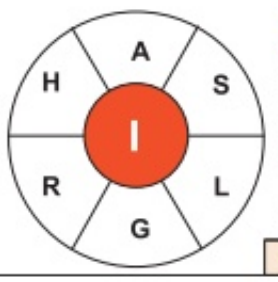
1 C code; 2 Ax Ali; 3 Or etc; 4 Dante; 5 Trass

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

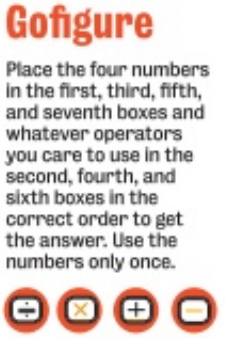
SudokuChallenge

7			4		1			9
4		9		2		1		3
6			2		9			1
	1	4	6		7	9	2	
2			8		5			4
8		7		9		5		6
3			1		4			2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy: [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 26
4 4 6 7

Medium: [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 22
4 5 9 9

Hard: [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 14
2 5 7 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

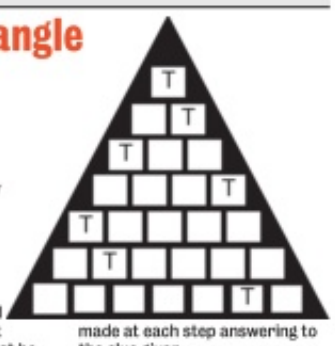
Differences: 1. Mouth is different. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Nose is different. 4. Outfielder is moved. 5. Collar is different. 6. Ear is smaller.

Riddler

Soldiers line up spaced with pride, Two long rows lined side by side. One sole unit can decide, If the rows will unite or divide. Tell me, tell me, scream it out. What's the thing I talk about?

Alpha triangle

1 Disease B
2 ____ tu Brute ...
3 Decimal base
4 Dispatched
5 Prongs
6 Beer mugs
7 Entomology study



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I'M A POOR MAN, AND YOUR BILL FOR TREATING MY HEAD COLD IS JUST TOO MUCH!
WELL, IF YOU CAN'T PAY IT ALL, I GUESS THERE'S A PART I CAN CUT OUT
SCORCH
WHAT PART DID YOU CUT OUT?
MY EUROPEAN VACATION

Bizarrotrip

In light of recent turf vandalism, defensive players will now be indicated by a square instead of an X.
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Wayno & Piraro
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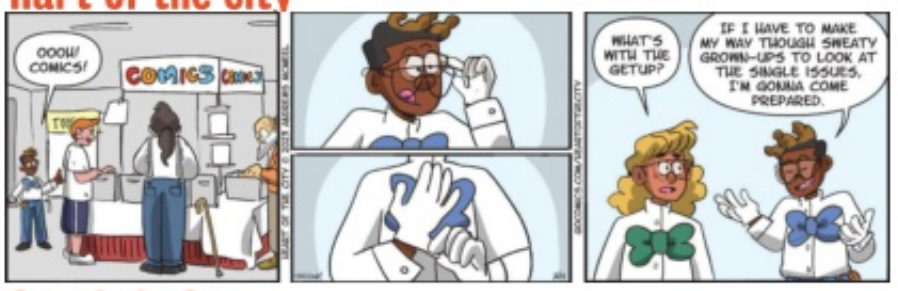
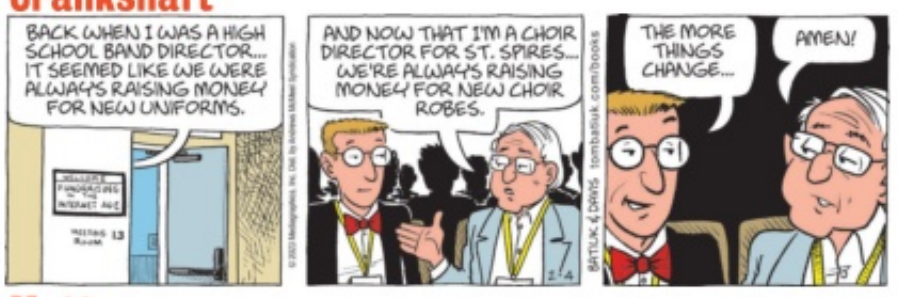
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


OOOH! COMICS!
COMICS
WHAT'S WITH THE GETUP?
IF I HAVE TO MAKE MY WAY THROUGH SWEATY GROWN-UPS TO LOOK AT THE SINGLE ISSUES, I'M GONNA COME PREPARED.

Crankshaft


BACK WHEN I WAS A HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR... IT SEEMED LIKE WE WERE ALWAYS RAISING MONEY FOR NEW UNIFORMS.
AND NOW THAT I'M A CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR ST. SPIRES... WE'RE ALWAYS RAISING MONEY FOR NEW CHOIR ROBES.
THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...
AMEN!

Mutts

HERE ARE REPORTERS MOOCH AND JULES WITH AN UPDATE ON SNOW ACCUMULATIONS
WELL, SOURPUSS
THE SNOW IS NOW UP TO MY WAIST
AND OVER MY HEAD.
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be energetic, you may be more focused, which may speed up your current task. Your subordinates may help you to start a new project, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of jobs.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may use your creativity in your office or at home, which may enhance your social status. You may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your savings. Love birds are likely to get some support from their family members for marriage. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be relaxed after a messy situation. Your inner strength may help you to implement some difficult decisions in parental business, which may grow your parental business. You may help needy people around, which may increase your social respect. Students might be clear in choosing their career options .

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel dull; your health may not be good. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in the business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travelling also. You may do some meditation, it will be helpful in sound sleep.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today's blessing from elders' may make you happy; your investments may give you profits. Loses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest for the kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may enjoy your work, you may get some promotion after your hard work. You are likely to help some needy person; your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family get together. Your parent's health may recover.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today projects which were stopped without a reason may start automatically. You may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your internal strength. Your elders may show you the right path, which may show you the path to achieve your goals.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel dull; you may also face health issues. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Read documents carefully before signature. You may face difficulty to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going for adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in depth study to get success. Natives related to exploration, occult, and research are likely to perform their best.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy at home. You may buy some artifacts or creative stuff to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may also invest in properties and other fixed assets. You are likely to enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may increase emotional relationships. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel happy. Old health issues related to elders may be cured. Money which was stuck, may be recovered now, which may increase the liquidity in the business. People who are in a job may change their job to seek a promotion. Job seekers may get a job with the help of any friend's reference. Natives who are working in state related work are likely to get benefits.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may prefer gaining knowledge, you may understand the value of intellectual assets. Sometimes you may control your short temperedness, which may help you to perform your task smoothly .There may be some chances in smooth earning, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are also advised to avoid speculation in the work. You are likely to spend money for love once. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull. You may not be able to sustain in the current situation. You may make silly mistakes, which may affect your confidence level. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day to day work. Your projects are likely to be delayed; it may affect your professional life. Before taking any important decision, you are advised to take advice from your elders.

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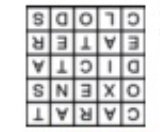
SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
30/-5 * - 6 - 1/4 * 24 =
-6 * - 6 - 1/4 * 24 =
36 - 1/4 * 24 =
36 - 24/4 =
36 - 6 = 30

BULL'S EYE
garish, girl, great, hail, hair, lair, LARGISH, liar, lira, rail, sail, sigh

STRIKE OUT

FAST FIVE



RIDDLER A Zipper

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
145. Each number is obtained by adding the previous four numbers.

QUOTE UNCODE
The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance.

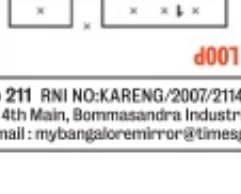
SUDOKU

3	6	5	1	7	4	8	9	2
8	4	7	3	9	2	5	1	6
9	2	1	5	8	6	4	3	7
2	9	3	8	1	5	6	7	4
5	1	4	6	3	7	9	2	8
6	7	8	2	4	9	3	5	1
1	8	2	9	6	3	7	4	5
4	5	9	7	2	8	1	6	3
7	3	6	4	5	1	2	8	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, ET, Ten, Sent, Tines, Stelins, Insects.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 x 4 + 4 - 6 = 26
Medium
4 x 9 - 9 - 5 = 22
Hard
7 + 5 - 5 x 2 = 14

LOOP



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SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Sequel coming

Director-cum-producer R Chandru organised an event to celebrate the success of his latest movie Kabzaa that was released in Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Hindi and other languages. The poster of Kabzaa 2 was released on the occasion by politicians HM Revanna and Ramachandra Gowda indicating the official launch of the shooting for the sequel to Kabzaa. Chandru recalled the difficulties that cropped up while making the movie. "I wanted to share the success of this movie with the technicians who worked hard for more than three years. I wanted to thank them for their patience and hard work," said Chandru.

He said the script work for the sequel has begun and well-known actors would be in the sequel.

Family entertainer

Jack, who hails from Mysuru and has worked as associate director for a few Tamil movies, debuts as a full-fledged director in Sandalwood with the movie Rangu Ragale that has a tagline – The chaos begins. "I am from Mysuru but I have settled down in Chennai. I am confident that movie buffs will support Rangu Ragale. It is a romantic comedy and will be a good option for the whole family," said Jack. Abhilash Dalapathi of Love Mocktail fame, Abhidas of tele serial Gattimela fame, and Sughosh of MetroSaga fame are the heroes in the film.

Into the spyverse

Actor Sharvari is in talks to join Yash Raj Films' spy universe

> "Adi feels that the time is right to signal to audiences that a new star is set to be born

A source said, "Sharvari has been groomed for years within the well-oiled YRF system that has consistently produced superstars. Adi (Aditya Chopra) believes in Sharvari's talent and the industry too feels she is an artiste to watch out for. She is a fantastic actor and is extremely gorgeous. Basically, she has all that it takes to be the next female superstar of the country."

"Adi feels that the time is right to signal to audiences that a new star is set to be born which is why he has roped in Sharvari into his fabled YRF Spy Universe that features some of the biggest superstars of our country like Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Hrithik Roshan, Deepika Padukone & Katrina Kaif. Sharvari will be part of a huge film from this universe and this announcement will blow people's minds," the source added.

Sharvari made her Bollywood debut with Aditya Chopra produced film 'Bunty Aur Babli 2'. She also has a few YRF projects in her kitty which are yet to be released.

"YRF is betting big on Sharvari who has the acting chops and the carriage to be fit to be a part of the YRF Spy Universe. Now, let's wait and watch what they have planned for her and who she will be paired with. Aditya Chopra is expanding the Spy Universe and Sharvari will have a very prominent role to play within the timeline of this universe in the years to come," the source further said.

An official announcement about Sharvari's projects is yet to be made.

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